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What is claimed:

1. In a wireless mobile communication device, a method of operation
5 comprising:
receiving a first user request from an input key of the wireless mobile
communication device; and
in response, displaying on a display of the wireless mobile
communication device, a list of communication messages with a communication
10 partner of at least two message types selected from a message type group
comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice message type,
and a call message type.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying comprises displaying on the
15 display for a communication message, a pictorial icon depicting the communication
partner of the communication message.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the method of operation, further
comprising
20 receiving a second user request from the same or another input key of
the wireless mobile communication device; and
in response, expanding the display of a selected one of the displayed
communication messages from the communication partner.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the method of operation, further comprising

receiving a second user request from the same or another input key of
5 the wireless mobile communication device; and
in response, facilitating reply to the communication partner using a
same communication protocol of a selected communication message.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the method of operation, further
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receiving a second user request from the same or another input key of
the wireless mobile communication device; and
in response, facilitating the user in selecting a communication protocol,
and facilitating reply to the communication partner in the selected communication
15 protocol.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying the
list of communication messages with at least three message types selected from the
message type group comprising of the email message type, the text message type,
20 the voice message type, and the call message type.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying the
list of communication messages with at least four message types comprising the

email message type, the text message type, the voice message type, and the call message type.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying text
5 messages across different chat sessions.

9. A wireless mobile communication device comprising:

a transceiver to facilitate sending and receiving communication
messages of a plurality of message types to and from a communication partner;

10 a display;

an input device; and

an unified message function to render on the display, in response to a
first input inputted using the input device, a list of communication messages from
the communication partner of at least two message types selected from a message
15 type group comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice
message type, and a call message type.

10. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified
message function is designed to display for a communication message, as part of
20 said displaying, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner.

11. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified
message function is further designed to expand the display of a selected one of the

displayed communication messages, in response to a second input inputted from the input device.

12. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified
5 message function is further designed to facilitate reply to the communication partner in a same communication protocol of a selected communication message, in response to a second input inputted from the input device.

13. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified
10 message function is further designed to facilitate selection of a communication protocol, and facilitate reply to the communication partner in the selected communication protocol, in response to a second input inputted from the input device.

14. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified
15 message function is designed to display the list of communication messages with at least three message types selected from the message type group comprising of the email message type, the text message type, the voice message type, and the call message type.

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15. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is designed to display the list of communication messages with at

least four message types comprising the email message type, the text message type, the voice message type, and the call message type.

16. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein said
5 displaying comprises displaying text messages across different chat sessions.

17. The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the wireless mobile device comprises a wireless mobile phone.